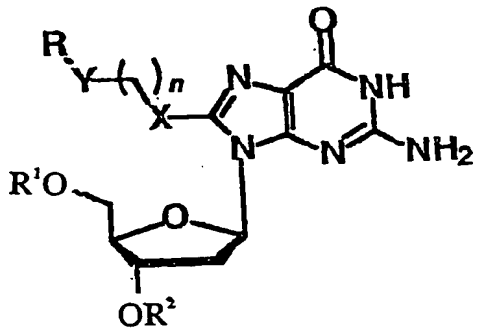
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6 and 8 as follows:

1. (Original) A nucleoside, a nucleotide or an oligonucleotide containing thereof represented by the following formula (I)



(I)

(wherein X and Y independently represent –O–, –NH–, –N(alkyl)– or –S–; R represents a functional unit, a reporter unit or a biofunctional molecule; R^1 and R^2 independently represent a hydrogen atom, a phosphate bonding group, a phosphoramidite group or a nucleotide; and n is a number of 1 to 10).

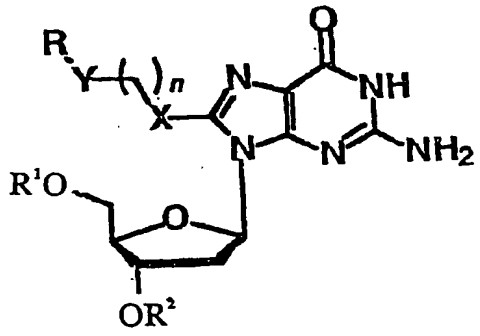
2. (Original) The nucleoside, the nucleotide or the oligonucleotide containing thereof according to claim 1, wherein n is 2, and X and Y is –NH–.

3. (Currently Amended) The nucleoside, the nucleotide or the oligonucleotide containing thereof according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein R is a fluorescence residue.

4. (Currently Amended) The oligonucleotide according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the oligonucleotide contains 10 to 100 bases.

5. (Original) The oligonucleotide according to claim 4, wherein the oligonucleotide is a double-stranded and contains at least one base having an electron-donating group in a complementary chain.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of releasing the R group moiety in the nucleotide moiety represented by the following formula (I)



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7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the oxidization is one-electron donation.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the oxidization is by photoirradiation.